

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A toner for use in an image-forming apparatus  
5 equipped with an oil-less fixing unit comprising a main  
heating member and a pressing member, the main heating  
member gets in contact with the back of an unfixed toner on  
a recording medium and fixes the unfixed toner at a nip  
part of the main heating member and the pressing member,  
10 the main heating member and the pressing member define a  
boundary surface thereof, and the surface takes a  
configuration protruding toward the side of the main  
heating member,

wherein the toner has a initial relaxation modulus  $G$   
15 ( $t=0.01$ ) (Pa) at 120°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec),  
of  $G$  ( $t=0.01$ ) [Pa]  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^5$  [Pa],

wherein the toner has a ratio of  $G$  ( $t=0.01$ ) (Pa) to  
 $G$  ( $t=0.1$ ) (Pa) at 180°C, in relaxation time of 0.1 sec, of  
[ $G$  ( $t=0.01$ )/ $G$  ( $t=0.1$ )]  $\geq 20$ .

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2. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the  
toner contains a release agent in an amount of 3 wt.% or  
less.

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3. A toner for use in an image-forming apparatus equipped with an oil-less fixing unit comprising a main heating member and a pressing member, the main heating member gets in contact with the back of an unfixed toner on a recording medium and fixes the unfixed toner at a nip part of the main heating member and the pressing member, the main heating member and the pressing member define a boundary surface thereof, and the surface takes a configuration protruding toward the side of the main pressing member,

wherein the toner has a initial relaxation modulus  $G(t=0.01)$  (Pa) at 120°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec), of  $G(t=0.01)$  [Pa]  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^5$  [Pa],

wherein the toner has a initial relaxation modulus  $G(t=0.01)$  (Pa) at 180°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec), of  $G(t=0.01)$  [Pa]  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^4$  [Pa].

4. The toner according to claim 3, wherein the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 3 wt.% or less.